



Application for Official Soil Sampling for Potato Cyst Nematode

1. Growers wishing to apply for land to be soil sampled either for the growing of seed potatoes for marketing or to comply with the plant health import regulations of overseas countries should complete the form attached and note the general conditions below. Completed application forms for soil sampling should be returned to the local Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Plant Health and Seeds Inspector in the area where the soil sampling is to be carried out. Contact details can be found on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#plant-and-bee-health-services>
2. **General Conditions under which applications are invited and accepted**
 - (a) Applications for soil sampling in order to enter any seed potato crops intended for classification in APHA's statutory scheme, should be made not later than 15 February in the year of planting.
 - (b) If your application is for seed potatoes for marketing, please indicate for each field on page 2 of form PH 13 whether you wish to be able to market the seed as meeting the requirements for movement into a rhizomania Protected Zone (Zpd1 on the label).
 - (c) If Zpd 1 is required you must tell us if the field is known to be infected with rhizomania.
 - (d) If rhizomania is not known to be present in the field you must tell us if any types of beet (sugar/ fodder/red etc.) have been grown in the field since 2003.
 - (e) Any certificate of the result of soil testing shall be used only in respect of any premises to which it purports to relate, and then only for the purpose for which the testing was carried out.
 - (f) No guarantee is given by APHA that any soil testing carried out will comply with or meet the requirements of any overseas country or importer.
 - (g) APHA and its officers shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of all information supplied by or on behalf of an applicant for soil testing.
 - (h) The issue of any certificate as a result of soil sampling does not provide eligibility of a crop of seed potatoes for entry into a APHA classification scheme unless such a crop meets the rotational and other conditions for entry into the scheme.
3. Applicants should be aware that under the Plant Health (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and the Plant Health (Wales) Order 2006 (as amended) the future cropping of any land officially declared to be infested with Potato Cyst Nematode will be restricted as mentioned below.
 - Seed Potatoes
The growing of seed potatoes will be prohibited.
 - Ware Potatoes
The growing of ware potatoes will be prohibited except where the potato varieties to be grown are resistant to Potato Cyst Nematode or where APHA authorizes the growing of a crop to be harvested before the cysts mature or where a soil treatment approved by APHA for control of Potato Cyst Nematode is used.
 - Plants for Transplanting
The removal of plants for transplanting elsewhere will be prohibited, except where they are to be transplanted on the infested land.
4. Where the applicant is not the owner of the land it is the applicants responsibility to ensure that:
 - the owner understands the cropping restrictions that will be placed on the land if Potato Cyst Nematode is found; and
 - they have the owners agreement for the sampling to go ahead.
5. **Fees will be charged for paper applications, inspection and certification of consignments. For details please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plant-health-controls#fees>. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH THIS FORM** – an invoice will be sent to you later. Prompt settlement of this invoice will help to meet the overall cost of providing these services and may, therefore, affect the level of fees. Non-payment may result in the withholding of future services.
6. **Data Protection Act 1998**
For information on how we handle personal data please go to "<http://www.gov.uk>" and search "Animal and Plant Health Agency Personal Information Charter"

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